

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Stephen J. Brown  
Serial No.: 09/496,893  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING  
DISEASE-INFLUENCING GENES  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: